

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (currently amended) An amputated part holding apparatus comprising:

a casing;

a contact member provided in the casing to define a particle charge chamber between the contact member and the casing, the contact member being operable to come into contact with an amputated part owing to increased particles in the particle charge chamber; and

~~an~~ a plurality of expander members provided in the particle charge chamber for applying additional pressing forces to particles charged in the particle charge chamber, each of the expander members being connected with a tube ring;

wherein the casing is formed with a charging hole for charging particles into the particle charge chamber.

3. (currently amended) The amputated part holding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein each of the expander members has an enclosed space for receiving a pressurized fluid.

4. (previously presented) An amputated part holding apparatus comprising:

a casing;

a contact member provided in the casing to define a particle charge chamber between the contact member and the casing, the contact member being

operable to come into contact with an amputated part owing to increased particles in the particle charge chamber; and

wherein the casing is formed with a charging hole for charging particles into the particle charge chamber and with a discharging hole, and

a particle supply unit including:

a particle storage chamber for storing particles;

a charging passage for connecting the charging hole of the casing with the particle storage chamber;

a discharging passage for connecting the discharging hole of the casing with the particle storage chamber.

5. (original) The amputated part holding apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the particle supply unit further includes a conveying device provided in the particle storage chamber for conveying particles from the particle storage chamber to the charging passage, and particles from the discharging passage to the particle storage chamber.

6. (currently amended) The amputated part holding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the particles is-are made of synthetic resin.

7. (original) The amputated part holding apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a support unit for supporting the casing in such a way as to rotate in a predetermined axis.

Claims 8 and 9 (canceled).